GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
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PINEAPPLE CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pineapple cultivators are not getting remunerative price;

(b) if so, the details of the price structure for the last two years;

(c) whether the Government propose to declare support price for Pineapple;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other incentives proposed to be provided by the Government to mitigate the problems of Pineapple growers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): The Pineapple cultivators are getting higher price in 2000 over that of the previous year. The annual average of wholesale price index (WPI) of pineappleincreased from 185.7 in 1999 to 210.8 in 2000 registering an increase of 13.5% over the previous year. The month end wholesale price index for 1999 and 2000 is at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): Pineapple being a horticultural product and perishable in nature is not covered under Minimum Support Price (MSP) Scheme. However, perishable commodities are covered under the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS). On a specific request from the State Government and its willingness to share 50% losses, if any, pineapple can be covered under the scheme.

(e): A central sector scheme on Integrated Development of Tropical, Temperate and Arid Zone Fruits is being implemented, under which facilities like area expansion, productivity improvement, establishment of nurseries, Tissue Culture Unit, Plant HealthClinic, Issue Forecasting Centre, Tissue/Leaf Analysis Labs, Mechanization and Training of farmers are provided.

ANNEXURE-I

MONTH/ YEAR	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	ANNUAL AVERAGE
1999	179.7	187.3	186.1	215.6	208.9	185	172.1	177.6	185.4	177.4	171	182.2	185.7
2000	184	193.7	212.6	205.6	215.2	240.9	215.5	209.5	210	214.3	214.8	213.8	210.8